(d) an object switch interface that interfaces said object switch with said component assembler; and

a communications module which communicates a unique identifier of the computer processing system or a user of the computer processing system to a remote location.

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Appln. Ser. No. 09/342,899 ("the parent application"). In the parent application, the Examiner rejected claims 100-137 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by either U.S. Patent No. 5,412,717 or U.S. Patent No. 5,748,960, both to Fischer. In an Amendment After Final dated May 24, 2001, Applicants canceled claims 100-137 from the parent application.

In the current application, Applicants cancel claims 1-90 from the original application and submit a Preliminary Amendment adding claims 91-138. Claims 91-138 in the current application correspond to claims 100-137 in the parent application, with amendments.

To expedite prosecution, Applicants point out for the Examiner that claims 91-95 are patentable over Fischer '717 because Fischer '717 does not teach or disclose a load module body including "executable programming specifying that information relating to a use of the load module be communicated to a remote site," as is recited by claim 91.

Applicants submit that Fischer '960 does not teach or disclose component assembling programming including "communications programming used to communicate at least one result of said tag comparison to a remote site," as recited by claim 96 of the present application. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully

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submit that claims 96-120 are patentable over Fischer '960.

Claims 121-125 recite a load module body with the "first load module executable programming requiring the storage of audit information relating to the use of the component assembly," which is not taught or disclosed by Fischer '960. For at least this reason, Applicants submit these claims should be patentable.

Additionally, Fischer '960 does not teach or disclose a load module body with a "first load module executable programming including programming requiring the storage of information uniquely identifying a device at which said component assembly is stored," as is recited by claim 126. For at least this reason, Applicants submit that claim 126 is patentable over Fischer '960.

Claim 127 is patentable over Fischer '960 because Fischer '960 does not teach or disclose a load module body with "said first load executable programming including programming requiring communicating a unique identification for a device at which said component assembly is stored to a remote location." Applicants submit that, for at least this reason, claim 127 should be allowed.

Fischer '960 also does not teach or disclose an "communications module which communicates a unique identifier of the computer processing system or a user of the computer processing system to a remote location," as is recited by claim 128. For at least this reason, claims 128 should be patentable over Fischer '960.

In summary, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 100-137 are patentable over the prior art cited in the prior applications and request that these claims be allowed.

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